IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph following the heading "Cross Reference To Related Applications" at page 1, lines 4-6 with the following:

-- Related subject matter is disclosed in the co-pending, commonly assigned, U.S. Patent application of Chuah, entitled "A Receiver Initiated Recovery Algorithm (RIRA) for the Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol (L2TP)," Application No. ~~XXX~~ 09/350,431, filed on ~~XXX~~ July 8, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,487,689. --